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SUBJ: GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER' S VISIT

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1. PRESS HAS CONFIRMED THAT VISIT OF FRG FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17-18.
WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 3-4. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE
GENSCHER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOLLOWING FRG FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIALS: DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS (RUFUS); OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF SOUTHERN
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (MUNZ); DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION
(MUHLEN); DIRECTOR OF PRESS SECTION (GANZ); AND TWO
OFFICIALS OF GENSCHER'S TECHNICAL CABINET (WALLAU AND
HOFFMAN). MFA SOURCE STATES GENSCHER'S EARLIER VISIT WAS
POSTPONED AT FRG REQUEST BECAUSE GENSCHER HAD TO PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY IN BUDESTAG DEBATE ON NATIONAL
SECURITY.

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2. ON EVE OF PREVIOUS ABORTED VISIT, SPANISH PRESS PLAYED

UP STORIES, APPARENTLY ORIGINATING IN GERMANY, THAT GENSCHER WOULD MEET WITH ANTI-FRANCO OPPOSITION LEADERS WHILE IN MADRID, FOLLOWING PATTERN ESTABLISHED BY FONMIN SCHEEL DURING VISIT IN 1973. MFA SOURCE STATES GERMAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAS BEEN TOLD FIRMLY THAT GOS WOULD NOT TAKE KINDLY TO SUCH MEETINGS BY GENSCHER, AND, AS A RESULT, GENSCHER NOW HAS NO PLANS TO MEET WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS. STABLER

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